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For: COMPOSITION HAVING STEROIDAL ESTROGEN EFFECT WITHOUT
INCREASING THE RISK OF BREAST CANCER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Sir,

Please amend the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 as set forth below. No fees are believed to be required with this preliminary amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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be included within the provisionally elected subject matter and provisionally elected species as provided in Applicants response dated September 29, 2003.

Conclusion

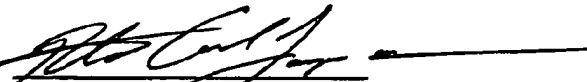
Applicants believe that consideration of the above remarks have placed this application in condition for allowance. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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